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The Manager,
Australian Blue Asbestos Pty. Ltd.,
WITTENOOM GORGE.

Dear Sir,

My observations throughout the Colonial Mine, together with the results of dust samples taken by Inspector Lorton during our inspection indicate that the modifications carried out since my October visit here have failed to reduce the dust concentration inside the Mill to a safe level.

Furthermore, it is my opinion that even when the matters referred to by Inspector Hunt and myself in our Record Book entry have been carried out, a severe dust hazard will still persist.

This opinion is based upon my belief that the existing dust collection system is overloaded beyond its effective capacity.

Because of the highly dangerous nature of the asbestos dust, and because of the apparent inadequacy of the dust collection unit, I have no other alternative than to place a limit on the Mill throughput.

As from Monday, December 11th, the daily tonnage into the Mill must not exceed a figure which is equivalent to 14,000 short tons per two week period.

This instruction will be reviewed within five weeks and the restrictions will be lifted or intensified according to the conditions achieved.

This directive has been made out by me under the provisions of Section 22 of the Mines Regulation Act, although the matter concerned is covered by Regn. 150 of this Act.

You are therefore entitled to lodge an appeal against the severity of the instruction if you consider it warranted.

Yours faithfully,

A.W. Ibbotson

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District Inspector of Mines, Que.

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